

# **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/051,992
Filing Date	January 17, 2002
First Named Inventor	Denwood F. Ross, III
Group Art Unit	2878
Examiner Name	Israel, Andrew
Attorney Docket Number	VTN0572

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE.** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000), Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## **1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) of Timothy P. Newton
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

## **2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other

## **3. Fees** - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.
- i. ☐ RCE fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

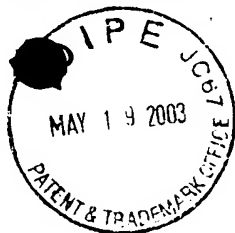
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Docket No. VTN-572

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

414 Response  
- Young  
5-29-03

Applicants : Ross et al.  
Serial No. : 10/051,992 Art Unit: 2878  
Filed : January 17, 2002 Examiner: Gagliardi, Albert J.  
For : MISSING LENS DETECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD

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**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION**

Remarks

Claims 1-24 remain in this application. No claims were added, cancelled or amended herein.

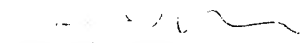
Applicants file herewith a declaration by Timothy P. Newton, one of the joint inventors. The declaration addresses the Examiner's concerns that the earlier declarations were insufficient. The declaration more clearly states that Mr. Newton

reduced the claimed invention to practice before the date of the reference.

Regarding the fact that the declaration is made by only Mr. Newton, Mr. Newton was the joint inventor responsible for reducing the first working prototypes of the invention to practice as indicated in his declaration.

It is presently believed that claims 1-24 are presently in condition for allowance for the reasons herein and the reasons stated in the response filed January 15, 2003. The allowance of claims 1-24 as a patent is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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